

Teacher in France Reads About Torrance, Joins Local Schools

A class of Torrance students is learning about France because their teacher learned about Torrance while she was in France. Miss Sarina Genovese, new sixth and seventh grade teacher at Carr Elementary School, was attracted to Torrance this year by what she read about the "Little Red Schoolhouse" while teaching at Rochefort Army Base near Royan, France. She taught multigrade classes there in an Army dependent school.



YOUR SWEATER IS "BLEU" . . . That's what Miss Sarina Genovese is telling Sharon White as they study a chart of the various color names in French. Miss Genovese taught in France for the past two years and is using her knowledge to help her Carr Elementary School sixth and seventh grade, learn conversational French. In social studies, they also are learning about France.

"Southern California schools always were listed among the best in the nation on ratings put out by the Army," she said. "I was attracted to Torrance because of the things I read about the 'Little Red Schoolhouse'."

MISS GENOVESE'S classes now are getting the benefit of what she learned in France. They are studying conversational French in class, as well as getting firsthand information about the country for their social studies class. The group currently is comparing France and areas of French Canada, using much information their teacher brought back.

Miss Genovese spent two years at Royan, which was a sensitive spot for which persons were carefully checked. During World War II, the town was bombed by mistake by the Allies, leaving much bitterness toward Americans and British. Communists gained a strong foothold in the area.

AT ELECTION time, Miss Genovese pretended she could not speak French when someone asked her who she was going to vote for.

She and her sister lived in a French apartment house, with many other French families and got along very well. Much the same the world over, Miss Genovese feels. She had mostly American students, although there were a few French children who were stepchildren of servicemen. American youngsters generally were very helpful to their French counterparts.

A native of Virginia, Miss Genovese taught in that state for five years before she and her sister went to France. While in Europe they toured Italy, England, Germany, Austria, Spain, Luxembourg, and Belgium, seeing many of the sights.

Local Man Completes Special Trade Course

Donald C. Zollinger of Torrance has been graduated as a "certified journeyman" from a special 40-week technical training course in air conditioning and refrigeration, it was announced this week. Under a joint union-management program, journeymen technicians went back to school for advanced study of newest methods and equipment in the field. Two hundred successfully completed the program in Orange and Los Angeles counties.

League of Cities Backs Bonelli Senate Proposal

Directors of the Los Angeles County Division of the League of California Cities have unanimously endorsed the proposal of the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors as authored by Frank G. Bonelli, chairman of the board, for re-apportionment of the California State Senate, Bonelli announced today.

At a meeting in the Roger Young Auditorium in Los Angeles last week the directors voted their support of a program to place a constitutional amendment on the State ballot. Representing 65 cities within the county, the group approved the committee report presented by Councilman Charles Peckenpaugh of South Gate. The report read:

"THE COMMITTEE, after two extended meetings and hearing from Richard Carpenter, League of California Cities executive director; Frank Bonelli, Los Angeles Board of Supervisors chairman; Assemblyman Thomas Rees, 59th District, and County Counsel Harold Kennedy and others, fully recognizes the need for adjustment of representation in the California State Senate."

Peckenpaugh added that the committee had "given careful attention to the opposing points of view" and had recommended "that there be ap-

proved in principle a more equitable plan of representation in the California State Senate."

ADDITIONAL support for the Bonelli plan for re-apportionment was read into the record of the meeting by Winston Updegraff, executive secretary of the Los Angeles County division. Updegraff said that he had received messages from at least six other cities not represented at the evening's meeting who wished to record their support for the plan.

Bonelli's plan proposes a re-apportionment which would give Southern California an even 20-20 split with northern counties in the number of Senate seats instead of the present 30-10 favoring the North.

COMMENTING on the Southern Division League action, made in spite of a "hands-off" attitude urged by the Northern-dominated statewide Board of Directors of the League of California Cities, Bonelli said: "Naturally, it goes without saying I am tremendously pleased with the unanimous support to re-apportionment given by the Los Angeles County Division of the League of California Cities."

"This is a real victory and a step forward toward getting fairer representation in the State Senate for Southern California, which bears the burden of more than 63 per cent of the state's entire revenue demands."



PLANS ART SHOW . . . Vicki Feldon, housewife and artist, will open a one-man demonstration of printmaking Sunday at the Artists Co-op Gallery, 121 Pacific Ave., Redondo Beach. Here Mrs. Feldon works on prints in her kitchen at 815 Fonthill Ave. (Herald Photo)

Vicki Feldon to Open Art Exhibit at Co-op Gallery

An exhibit of paintings and prints at the Artists Co-op Gallery, 121 S. Pacific Ave., Redondo Beach, by Vicki Feldon, Torrance artist, will open Sunday, Oct. 11.

Two printmaking demonstrations by the artist at the gallery will give the public an opportunity to see how fine prints are made. The first will take place on the opening day, Oct. 11, from 3 to 5 p.m.

On the following Sunday, Oct. 18, from 3 to 5 p.m., the demonstration will be repeated, with all the stages in printmaking from the preliminary drawing to the final print on Japanese rice paper.

Vicki Feldon received most of her art education in New York City, studying at the Cooper Union Art Institute, and the Art Students League, with additional courses at the Akron Art Institute, Akron, Ohio.

She has exhibited in New York and Akron, Ohio, as well as locally with the Torrance Art Group and the South Bay Community Arts Assn. Her past one-man shows were held at the Torrance Woman's Club, Manhattan Beach Library, Redondo Beach Library and the Open Gallery, Playa del Rey.

The exhibition will continue through Oct. 24. Gallery hours are Tuesday through Friday, 1-4 and 6-9 p.m.; Saturday and Sunday 1-9 p.m.

by the name of the man who was then President of the United States, calling the Governor to Washington for a very important conference.

THE LIEUTENANT Governor then pardoned some of the worst criminals in the penitentiaries of the State, and appointed himself United States Senator to fill a vacancy in that office. When the Governor got to Washington, he discovered that the whole thing was a hoax, but by the time he got back home, it was too late.

This is the reason why some people in a certain political party in a certain Western State, on the Pacific Coast, wake up with chills during the night when they dream about the Governor of a certain Western State leaving its boundaries.

THE ABOVE discussion of what happened to a Governor is only a partial explanation of why anyone in public office is very, very wary of telegrams. Anyone can go to a telephone booth, drop in enough money, and send a telegram signed by your name or mine. It is a misdemeanor to sign the wrong name, but who ever gets caught?

State, Federal Constitutions Examined by State Legislator

By CHARLES E. CHAPEL, Assemblyman, 46th District

The Constitution of the United States is a grant of power to the Congress of the United States, whereas the Constitution of the State of California is a limitation upon the power of the State Legislature.

One gives and the other takes away. The State has many more activities to control than the United States Government because its powers are original and inherent, not derived or delegated as are the powers of the United States Government.

UNDER THE Constitution of the United States, revenue bills originate in the lower house, the House of Representatives, whereas in California, revenue bills may originate in either house. The reason is that originally United States Senators were elected by the State Legislatures and the founding fathers did not want to trust United States Senators with tax bills.

Another difference between the two Constitutions is that the Congress of the United States may legislate on subjects which are not specified by the President of the United States, but when the California State Legislature has a special session, which may run concurrently with the budget session in even-numbered years, such as 1960, the Legislature of California can not act on matters other than those itemized by the Governor of California, or amendment to his original proclamation. This is called "placing subjects before the special session by the call of the Governor."

THE CONSTITUTION of the United States also gives the President of the United States the power to call only one house into session, but the Governor of California has no such power. He must call the whole Legislature into session, and not merely one house. There are other differences be-

tween the two Constitutions, but the ones mentioned here are the principal differences.

The powers of the Government of California are divided into three separate departments, which are:

- (1) Legislative, meaning the California State Legislature;
- (2) Judicial, meaning the various courts, starting with municipal courts, then superior courts, then the district courts of appeal, and finally the Supreme Court of the State of California; and
- (3) the Executive, meaning the Governor.

NO PERSON charged with the powers properly belonging to one of these three departments of the State shall exercise any functions pertaining to the others, except as the Constitution of the State of California expressly directs or permits.

This is why I do not interfere in court cases, including, but not restricted to citations issued to people for violation of the motor vehicle code.

One of the exceptions to the provisions of the California State Constitution providing for three separate and distinct coordinating branches of government is that the State Senate may sit as a Court of Impeachment, thereby becoming the highest Court in California, even superior to the State Supreme Court.

IN THE CASE of a vacancy in the office of Governor, the Lieutenant Governor becomes Governor, and then the President Pro Tempore of the Senate becomes Lieutenant Governor.

In other words, the most important duty of the Lieutenant Governor is to wait for the Governor to die, resign, or get out of the State. In this connection, a peculiar thing happened a few years ago.

A Governor of a Western State and his Lieutenant Governor did not get along well. The Lieutenant Governor arranged for a friend in Washington, D.C., to send a telegram to the Governor, signed

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